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Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to [Mary Muir Hand], 1882 Jun 7.

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about it but of course
realizes the helplessness
of us all to do anything
in the case. He has written
me two letters. By the way
in one of my letters to him
I spoke of our being in a
strait between two opinions
as to whether it was best to
leave our little one sleeping
in his present quiet resting
place and make it as beau-
tiful as possible or to place
the precious dust where
others of our kindred
would likely be laid, He
replied about as follows.
"If my advice can be of any
value I would think it
much better to leave it
as it is at least while
many is there to keep the
flowers fresh upon it."
This of late has been more
and more my own thought

Father is sitting
on the lounge
and
Do write soon
Joanna.

(23)

Did you rec^d the price
of the chain which I
sent?
I forgot to say that the
button on the front of
the little dress is only
about the length of an
inch in length, a little
longer.

Jefferson Ark.
June 7. P.M.

Dearest Sister:-

I see it is nearly
a month since the writing
of your last letter and I
certainly cannot answer with-
out further delay, I did not
intend being so long in telling
you more about father.
Although we could hope for
only a small congregation
Walter decided to build a
little house for him to speak
in and try to get enough
together to interest him.
He did not tell him before
hand what his purpose
was. Thinking it would

have more effect to wait had to be turned into a
 until he enquired what little school house which
 the building was for and was very necessary, Father
 then tell him, but when however consented to stay
 he saw the frame going up with us until August
 and in answer to his inquiry when some note of his
 my was told that it was become due, this was
 for him and that he could his own proposition
 have it made first to suit which of course we were
 himself, he became very glad of happening that
 what excited and said something may occur
 it was of no use as he to change his mind.
 could now see plainly. He never mentioned
 that the Lord had not in yours and Willis' letter
 tended him to work here and I would not have
 and that he could not know who it was from
 go to Battle alone, he said but for the address
 that if this had been his John wrote him a fine
 field there would have been letter I suppose
 been more proper access and concerning it he
 able to him in his own was also silent. John is
 situation and as the building very much concerned

I was going to send you
some flowers but I guess
perhaps my envelope is
full enough for this time
I wish, I wish, I wish
you could see the magnolia
blossoms fresh and
pure and beautiful. Oh
I can't tell you what a thrill
of pleasure went over me when
I saw the sweet thing, Mary
I love flowers, and one
time I intend to bring a nice
collection for you to see.
Mother is a good about bring-
ing one specimen.

Give ~~my~~ our kindest regards
to Mrs Hunt and tell her we
were much pleased to see
the notice of her day, in the
paper I hope she is well.
I had a nice good letter from
Mrs Turner, I must answer
before she goes east.

My heart sends love and love
to Mary, a kiss for the little
almost two year old, and love to
Mills.

and I have wished that some
sweet little flowers such as
Scotch daisies pink and white
and my sweet little flowers
which you think appropriate
perhaps some forget me not
would be pretty and one
shrub of snow drop. I would
like the most white flowers
if without too much trouble
you could plant them ~~over~~ ^{it}
we could of course gladly
make returns for anything
you had to send for, and
I know without being told
that you will like to do it
if you are only well.

The enclosed is the edging on
one of the little nightgowns and
a penciling of the tucking

just as it is on the front, two
tucks on each side straight and
a little tripp of bias tuckling
on each side. I was thinking
it might perhaps look pret-
tier in the picture than the
plain dress, but if you think
otherwise or have that part
already finished some other
way, I am not at all par-
ticular.

Walter had a very pleasant
letter from Mr. Jewell the
other day who reports you
all well and very prosper-
ous. We were glad to hear
from them.

We are having a piazza
built on our little house
and the carpenter makes
out to keep up a very
substantial noise but
I am about used to it

for he has been hammer-
ing at the other side of
the house for two weeks
making a kitchen pantry
& little store room, these
are separated from the
other part of the house by
an open hall (roofed over
head) which Willis will
describe to you. It is true
Southern style and a
great comfort in warm
days. We set our table
there to eat and feel
very aristocratic, Walter
says he will hang ^a hammock
in it for me to lounge in
when it is very warm.
The weather is still remark-
ably cool and delightful
I really do not believe we
will need to go North this
year